



The Solution Life Cycle

Quality Assurance Process Checklists

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Solution Acquisition Planning Checklist

Evaluation Criteria	Yes/	Comments	Supporting	Date
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Did Solution Acquisition Planning begin at the				
beginning of the Vision phase? If not when and under what circumstances?				
Were the project's Vision phase activities estimated for time and effort?				
Was the estimation documented and include in				
the Solution Acquisition Plan (SAP)?				
Were resources assigned to the acquisition				
effort? Were those resources documented in				
the SAP?				
Did the acquisition resources receive				
appropriate training in acquisition planning or				
have experience in acquisition planning? Was				
that training or experience documented in the				
SAP?				
Was the Business Case developed in				
accordance with the IT Investment				
Management procedures?				
Was the business case baselined and placed				
under management control?				
Were the acquisition strategy and solicitation				
activities planned for and documented in the				
SAP?				
Were project management activities, including				
risk management planning, decided upon and				
planned? Were they documented in the SAP?				
Did the Executive Sponsor review the SAP?				
Was the SAP approved and baselined?				
Was the SAP updated and maintained				
throughout the appropriate phases of the SLC?				
Was the acquisition management activity				
contract tracking and oversight planned for and				
documented in the SAP?				
Was the acquisit ion management activity				
requirements development and management				
planned for and documented in the SAP?				
Was the acquisition management activity				
configuration management for and documented				
in the SAP?				
Was the acquisition management activity				
quality management planned for and				
documented in the SAP?				



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Was the acquisition management activity				
evaluation planned for and documented in the				
SAP?				
Was the acquisition management activity				
transition to support planned for and				
documented in the SAP?				
Were the measurements, including effort, costs,				
and schedule, for the project's success agreed				
upon and documented in the SAP?				
Did the Executive Sponsor review updates to				
the SAP? Does supporting documentation				
exist?				
Was the project managed and tracked				
throughout the phases of the SLC using the				
SAP as a guide?				
Was the acquisition planning estimating				
worksheet completed for planning effort and				
duration?				
Was the acquisition planning estimating				
worksheet completed with actual effort days				
and duration?				
Was the SAP process evaluated at the end of				
the project?				



Solution Acquisition Project Management Checklist

Evaluation Criteria	Yes/ No	Comments	Supporting Artifacts	Date
Project Management Planning				
1. Were project management activities defined				
and documented in the solution acquisition plan?				
2. Were roles, responsibilities and authority				
designated and documented in the solution				
acquisition plan?				
3. Were project commitments and goals				
communicated to the project team?				
4. Were changes to project commitment and				
goals communicated to the project team?				
5. Were the project management activities				
reviewed by project management and the				
Executive Sponsor on a periodic or event driven				
basis?				
Schedule/WBS				
6. Was the project schedule documented and				
tracked in a WBS (e.g. MS Project)?				
7. Was responsibility designated for				
maintenance of the WBS?				
8. Were project management activities included				
in the project's WBS?				
Project Status				
9. Was the project's progress tracked based on				
the measures defined in the solution acquisition				
plan, including costs?				
10. Was project status reported in regularly				
scheduled status reports?				
11. Was project status reviewed in regularly				
scheduled status meetings?				
12. Were status reports completed by the				
project team and reviewed by project				
management and the Executive Sponsor on a				
regular basis?				
Risk Management				
13. Were risks identified and tracked in a risk				
log or matrix?				
14. Was the project team encouraged to identify				
risks and report them to management?				
15. Were critical risks reported in status				
reports?				
16. Were risks discussed in status meetings?				
17. Were mitigation plans developed and				
utilized for risks?				



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Evaluation Criteria	Yes/ No	Comments	Supporting Artifacts	Date
Issue Manageme nt				
18. Were issues identified and tracked in an				
issue log or matrix?				
19. Was the project team encouraged to identify				
issues and report them to management?				
20. Were critical and/or irresolvable issues				
escalated to management?				
21. Were issues discussed in status meetings?				
22. Was corrective action taken when				
necessary?				



Requirements Development and Management Checklist

Evaluation Criteria	Yes/ No	Comments	Supporting Artifacts	Date
1. Was the Requirements Development and Management Plan completed and kept up-to-date?				
2. Was the Requirements Development and Management Plan consistent with the other documents on which it was based or dependent (e.g. Solution Acquisition Plan)?				
3. Were the requirements development and management activities to be performed defined?				
4. Were the groups associated with requirements development and management activities identified, and their interaction defined?				
5. Were the procedures for requirements development, including planning, elicitation, analysis, and verification defined?				
6. Were the procedures for requirements management, including baseline establishment, change control, and status reporting defined?				
7. Were the procedures for defining attributes that describe a satisfactory requirement defined?				
8. Were the procedures for impact analysis of changes to requirements or introduction of new requirements defined?				
9. Were resource requirements and schedules to perform requirements development and management activities defined?				
10. Is there evidence of peer review of this document (sign-offs or other)?				





Requirements Document Checklist

Evaluation Criteria	Yes/ No	Comments	Supporting Artifacts	Date
1. Was the requirements document complete and up-to-date?				
2. Was the requirements document consistent with the other documents on which it is based or dependent?				
3. Were requirements for all areas of the product specified?				
4. Were requirements enumerated in a way that supports traceability through the entire acquisition, development and acceptance test?				
5. Were requirements for external interfaces defined?				
6. Is data provided so that the impact of each requirement change may be assessed and quantified?				
7. Were there artifacts showing stakeholder's agreement to these commitments are available?				
8. Is there evidence of peer review of this document (sign-offs or other)?				



Software Configuration Management (SCM) Checklist

Evaluation Criteria	Yes/ No	Comments	Supporting Artifacts	Date
1. Was the Project SCM Plan up-to-date (i.e., reflects the current release information)?				
2. Did the Project SCM Plan meet the requirements of the SCM Plan Standard?				
3. Was the Project SCM Plan consistent with the QA Plan?				
4. Were resources clearly defined and specified?				
5. Was the procedure for controlling work products and baselines, including identification, control, tracking, status, and reporting documented?				
6. Was the procedure for release documented?				
7. Was the procedure for recording and reporting status of work products and baselines documented?				
8. Was the procedure for recording and reporting status of SCM activities documented?				
10. Was the procedure for performing SCM baseline audits documented?				
7. Were the interfaces and dependencies identified and described?				
8. Was the testing environment documented?				
9. Was there evidence of peer review of this document?				



Transition to Support Plan Checklist

Evaluation Criteria	Yes/ No	Comments	Supporting Artifacts	Date
1. Was the Transition to Support Plan consistent with the other documents on which it is based or dependent?				
2. Was the Transition to Support Plan complete and up-to-date?				
3. Was the support organization identified in the plan?				
4. Was the support resource requirements identified in the Plan?				
5. Were transition activities described in the Plan?				
6. Were transition responsibilities defined in the plan?				
7. Was a schedule of transition activities provided in the Plan?				
8. Were the warranty and data rights provisions described in the Plan?				
9. Was there evidence of peer review of this document?				